

REMARKS

Preliminary amendments to the claims are presented to limit the examination effort required for this initial application by canceling claims and amending claim dependencies. The applicant does not waive any right to have the canceled claims examined without any restriction in breadth in a subsequent continuing application, if desired. The amendments have been particularly presented to avoid, where applicable, any admission or estoppel, generally, negatively effecting the scope of protection provided by the disclosure and claims of the present application, and particularly to avoid prosecution history estoppel, limitation of the scope of equivalences, or the like.

The Assignee respectfully requests that the present amendment to the claims be entered by the Examiner. The Assignee respectfully requests allowance of the claims at the examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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